

COUNTRY East Germany

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TOPIC VP in OranienburgEVALUATION see below

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ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)

REMARKS

SOURCE

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1. Early in the morning of 31 October, 20 trucks each towing a light AA gun entered the castle in Oranienburg. In mid-November, about 120 VPs wearing blue uniforms, who had been quartered in tents in the park of the castle, moved to the rear section of the castle. The east wing was occupied by about 400 VPs on 4 December. Source learned that the other section of the north wing and west wing was to be occupied by 6 December. Trucks [redacted] each occupied by 15 VPs went to the station. An informant stated that the VPs who moved into the castle had arrived by truck from Mecklenburg via Gransee.¹

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2. On 11 November 1952, 12 trucks each towing one gun with barrels up to 2 meters long entered the castle in Oranienburg. Five trucks with their loads covered arrived on 13 November. [redacted] About 450 VPs arrived on trucks on 19 November. They increased the occupation in the castle up to about 1,000 VPs. Source learned that another 1,000 VPs would arrive in early January 1953, and that the front section of the castle which was still partially damaged would be reconditioned.¹

3. Prior to mid-November 1952, the VPs quartered in the castle received instruction in sociology, ballistics, ordnance and strategy. The commanding officer of the unit was a VP colonel who was about 42 years old. Most of the VP officers who belonged to the unit in the castle were still billeted in the town.

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[redacted] the Weisse Stadt settlement would be occupied by VP units from Torgelow in late January 1953.²

5. On 1 December 1952, source determined that the Weisse Stadt settlement in Oranienburg had been vacated by the Soviets. All buildings of the installation were vacant. Most of the wooden fence which surrounded the installation had been removed. Residents stated that the installation would soon be occupied by VP units. [redacted] Source observed that a four-story building, which was about 80 meters long and was located in the northwest corner of the Weisse Stadt, quartered personnel of the national forces.²

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25X1A 1. [redacted] Comment. The castle in Oranienburg was first observed occupied by KVP on 23 October 1952. The occupation has increased since then. The units probably came from the area of Torgelow of the Armeegruppe Nord, and some probably from Saxony. [redacted] 25X1A [redacted] It is not known whether other branches of service were also transferred to Oranienburg in addition to the AAA.

25X1A 2. [redacted] Comment. It is probable that the Weisse Stadt may also be occupied by units of the KVP. The buildings which previously quartered Soviet troops have been vacant since early November 1952.

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